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1. GERMAN BOMBING
2. INTELLIGENTSIA
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To DIRECTOR.

[1.][a] In the area that we can see we observed the following method of attack by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS [KOLBAENIKI][i]: first of all they dropped six flash bombs [OSVETITEL'NAYA BOMBA][b]; after they had fallen a considerable part of KENSINGTON was [R% dotted] for a time with a large number of small fires [SVETOVYE TOCHKI][c] which were extinguished with sand. As they fell the flash bombs were fired at and machine-gunned with tracer bullets. One was shot down. The first aircraft after the alert flew lower than usual, obviously so as to be able to aim as it dropped its flash bombs. A few minutes after [the start of][a] the raid the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' flash bombs had established a seat of fire in various places; and afterwards throughout the night they dropped bombs in various parts of the city while flying at a height of about 4,000-6,000 metres. Explosions of special bombs that produce a strong light for 5-6 seconds were observed for the first time. From observations of the gunfire it can be concluded that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS come into LONDON from the east, south-east and south. No more than three series of explosions [at a time][a] were observed. Despite the moonlit, cloudless night British fighter aircraft did not take part in the defence.

2. INTELLIGENTSIA [INTELLIGENTSIYA][ii] has reported [the following][a] as a result of a conversation with an officer of the Air Ministry:

The shortage of trained night navigators is confirmed by the fact that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS have not used strong forces of aircraft in night air-raids on Britain. He stated that the British pilots who fly by night over Germany have an extra four months' training in addition to the usual six months' training. Apparently when there has been no [anti-aircraft][a] fire the SAUSAGE-DEALERS have been bombing from a height of ~~up to~~ 5,000.

metres and at a speed of 290 kph, and from 6,000-7,000 metres at a speed of 400 kph when there has been no firing. He considers that the SAUSAGE-DEALERS proceed towards the target along a radio beam.

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] Presumably "flares" [SVETYYASHOHAYa BOMBA] are actually meant.

[c] Literally "points of light".

Comments: ✓ [1] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ [11] INTELLIGENTSIA: See also LONDON's Nos. 812 of 25th July 1940, 895 of 16th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1099 of 2nd October 1940 and 1149 of 11th October 1940.

[111] BRION: Col. I.A. SEL'YAROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in LONDON 1940-1946. BRION's first appearance as a signatory (or addressee) is in LONDON's No. 1149 of 11th October 1940.